

**OFFICE OF THE FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S OMBUDS**



**DCYF Use of Hotels and Offices as Placement  
2022 Report**

*OFCO tracks the Department of Children, Youth, and Families' (DCYF) use of hotels, Department offices, and/or night to night foster care placements as emergency placements for children under DCYF care. These are also referred to as "placement exceptions".*

*The source of this data is notifications from DCYF's Administrative Incident Reporting System (AIRS).*

*The OFCO 2022 Reporting Year runs September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022. This data summarizes placement exceptions during this period.*

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Placement Exceptions	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Annual Total
<b>2022 Reporting Year</b>	298	353	213	254	394	334	436	406	547	487	529	441	4692
Hotel	268	328	156	235	367	310	385	361	449	417	368	213	3857
Office	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Night to Night	30	24	57	19	27	24	51	45	98	70	59	70	574
Leased Facility	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	102	156	258
Unknown	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>2021 Reporting Year</b>	183	233	171	142	165	186	183	151	194	260	352	315	2535
<b>2020 Reporting Year</b>	78	56	116	107	198	183	188	151	188	161	227	210	1863
<b>2019 Reporting Year</b>	83	66	89	113	125	95	151	148	165	153	101	225	1514

*Number of children over this period who have experienced at least one placement exception: 281*

Placement Exceptions by DCYF Region*	Count	Percent
Region 1	10	0.2%
Region 2	5	0.1%
Region 3	201	4.3%
Region 4	1932	41.2%
Region 5	295	6.3%
Region 6	2249	47.9%

\*For a map of DCYF Regions, see <https://dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/DCYFMap-offices.pdf>

Number of Placement Exceptions Per Child	Count	Percent
Only 1 night	104	37.0%
2 to 5 nights	77	27.4%
6 to 9 nights	20	7.1%
10 to 19 nights	21	7.5%
20 or more nights	59	21.0%

Child Gender/Sex	Count	Percent
Female	118	42.0%
Male	163	58.0%

Child Age	Count	Percent	Percent of Children in State Care**
0-4 years	11	3.9%	42.7%
5-9 years	34	12.1%	25.0%
10-14 years	104	37.0%	20.1%
15-17 years	131	46.6%	12.2%
Unknown	1	0.4%	--

Child Race and Ethnicity	Count	Percent	Percent of Children in State Care**
African American/Black	39	13.9%	8.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native	8	2.8%	4.5%
Asian or Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	15	5.3%	1.9%
Caucasian/White	156	55.5%	62.9%
Multi-Racial	61	21.7%	21.4%
Unknown	2	0.7%	--
Hispanic	31	11.0%	20.6%

\*\* Partners for Our Children Data Portal Team. (2021). Children in Out-of-Home (Count).